

Notice No. 8

Rules and Regulations for the Classification of Linkspans, July 2008

The status of this Rule set is amended as shown and is now to be read in conjunction with this and prior Notices. All corrigenda included in the Notice are effective immediately.

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Periodical Survey Regulations

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■ Section 1 General

1.4 Definitions

1.4.3 Enclosed space. An enclosed space is any place of an enclosed nature where there is a risk of death or serious injury from hazardous substances or dangerous conditions. Examples include, but are not limited to: ballast tanks, double bottoms, double hull spaces, pump-rooms, compressor rooms, cofferdams, void spaces, duct keels, inter-barrier spaces, excavations and pits.

Existing paragraphs 1.4.3 to 1.4.7 have been renumbered 1.4.4 to 1.4.8.

1.5 Preparation for survey and means of access

1.5.1 In order to enable the attending Surveyor(s) to carry out surveys, provisions for safe access and for surveys are to be agreed between the Owner and LR. Attention is drawn to the applicable recommendations in the IACS PR37 and/or IMO Recommendations For Entering Enclosed Spaces Aboard Ships, Resolution A.1050(27).

1.5.2 Means are to be provided to enable the Surveyor to examine the structure in a safe and practical way. Where the provisions of safety and required access are determined by the Surveyor not to be adequate, then the survey of the space(s) involved is not to proceed.

1.5.3 Spaces are to be made safe for access and survey and are to be sufficiently cleaned, illuminated and ventilated.

1.5.4 In preparation for survey, thickness measurements and to allow for a thorough examination, cleaning is to include removal from surfaces of all loose accumulated corrosion scale. Spaces are to be sufficiently clean and free from water, scale, dirt, and oil residues, etc., to reveal corrosion, deformation, fractures, damages or other structural deterioration, as well as the condition of the protective coating. However, those areas of structure whose renewal has already been decided by the Owner need only be cleaned and descaled to the extent necessary to determine the limits of renewed areas.

1.5.5 Where soft or semi-hard coatings have been applied, safe access is to be provided for the Surveyor to verify the effectiveness of the coating and to carry out an assessment of the conditions of internal structures which may include spot removal of the coating. When safe access cannot be provided, the soft or semi-hard coating is to be removed.

1.5.6 Prior to entering an enclosed space, it is to be verified by a competent person, using a calibrated multi gas meter, that the atmosphere in that space is free from hazardous gas and contains sufficient oxygen.

1.5.7 Emergency equipment and personnel are to be available in case of an emergency or rescue operation.

1.5.8 Information on procedures, equipment-operating instructions and safety checklists is to be available.

1.5.9 During the survey, ventilation is to be ensured and periodic testing is to be carried out as necessary to verify that the atmosphere remains safe for access.

Cross-References

Section numbering in brackets reflects any Section renumbering necessitated by any of the Notices that update the current version of the Rules for Linkspans.

Part 1, Chapter 3

- 3.3.8 (c) Reference to Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.7 *now reads*
Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.8
- 3.3.8 (d) Reference to Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.7 *now reads*
Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.8
- 4.2.2 Reference to Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.7 *now reads*
Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.8
- 4.2.3 Reference to Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.7 *now reads*
Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.8
- 4.2.4 Reference to Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.7 *now reads*
Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.8
- 5.3.3 Reference to Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.7 *now reads*
Part 1, Chapter 3, 1.4.8

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